

## April 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Michael Shermis, Vicki Pappas, Katie Herron, David Smith, Rhonda Moore, David Carter, Rachel Roby, Susan Russ, Dr. Lisa Connolly, Kimberly Dailey Johnson, Chris Jackson, Linda Robbins, Jeanette Shere-Thomas, Nick Philbeck, Terry Robbins and Linda Crawford.

**Minutes and Financial Report:** March minutes were accepted as printed.  
Balance in the CCA account is \$5,679.46.

**Media:** The press release submitted to the Herald-Times announced six new businesses which have earned accessibility decals. CCA's display in the City Atrium highlighting April as Accessibility Month received many positive comments. It was suggested that CCA investigate the possibility of reserving the display case again in the future during March, April, July or October.

**Guest Presentation:** Linda Robbins, Monroe County Clerk, spoke about Accessible Polling sites. Linda provided the history of Monroe County's work in providing accessible polling locations which was mandated by the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The Monroe County Commissioners looked at factors such as: providing ramps for facilities having steps to the entrance, measuring door width, making sure that booths accommodated voters sitting or standing to vote, using a 14-point font for paper ballots, machine for visually impaired voters to use, and mapping out each room in the voting area.

A grant enabled the county to provide lights, writing utensils, ramps, wheelchairs, call buttons, etc., that would meet the needs of voters.

There are 82 precincts, but only 37 polling locations. An E-poll book replaces the two oversized books required for identifying voters, so that there is no longer a need for separation of precincts. Indiana is one of eight states requiring a photo identification for voting; the Patriot Act resulted in requiring extra steps to obtain identification for voting.

The 2002 Act allows for early voting as well as voting by mail. It also permitted the establishment of voting centers so that a person could vote at any polling site, but the Monroe County Commissioners could not provide the required unanimous vote.

**Reports from the City:** There was no report from the City.

**New Concerns:** Jeanette Shere-Thomas brought to the Council's attention a problem she feels is shared by some senior citizens, people with disabilities, people with a limited income, etc. The present Bloomington Transit bus schedule fails to meet individual needs because of limited bus service on Saturdays and no service on Sundays in outlying areas. Jeanette recalled a newspaper article that indicated the BT service would be improved which would improve this situation. However, CCA responded, the law which would have provided funding for increased bus service did not pass this

spring. Katie suggested that people with concerns such as this should continue to bring their concerns to the Council and when possible, CCA will support these concerns on the state level.

**Report from Chair:** There was no report from the chair.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Accessibility Committee: Vicki reported that as a result of David's and Katie's filing complaints with the Department of Justice, the inaccessibility issue with Nick's has moved to mediation. Bloomington Housing Authority and Bud's Burger's are to receive accessibility decals. There are still several businesses in the process of being surveyed. Vicki hopes that the committee's goal of awarding ten additional decals will be reached by July 25<sup>th</sup> so that they can be presented at the ADA Birthday Celebration at the Farmer's Market. David has completed another session of surveying training and added two new surveyors to the crew. The committee hopes to complete one survey per month per surveyor.
- B. Activities and Events Committee: Susan summarized the March and April activities: Six classroom presentations were made during April: Grandview (3 presentations) with Susan and Barbara Salisbury, Binford with David and Cory, Binford with Adria and Marlin with Leslie Davis; City Atrium display created by Meridee, Lucy and Michael; publicized calendar of events; library display with programs for families; interview with Susan Russ conducted by Amanda Marino from WFIU. Plans for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA are being developed. The Block Party, funded by a \$1,000 grant from Indiana Humanities Commission, will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Farmer's Market on the B-Line Trail. The party will feature eight interactive challenges provided by eight community groups: 1) Remember—IDC, 2) Read—Area 10 on Aging, 3) Discovery—Ivy Tech, 4) Explore—Down's Syndrome, 5) Connect—Lifedesigns, 6) Reflect—NAMI, 7) Dream—Stonebelt, and 8) Participate—League of Women Voters. Members from these supporting agencies will meet with the Activities Committee on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:30 in the Hooker Room.

The next regular Activities and Events committee meeting will be on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. Susan is looking for individuals to join this committee!

**Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements**

Dr. Connolly distributed fliers for the 2015 Thank a Youth Worker Day to be held on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at Ivy Tech.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford

Secretary